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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This responds to the Office action dated December 5, 2005. A three-month deadline for response was set; Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time, and authorize payment of the requisite fee. Thus, a response filed no later than <u>June 5, 2006</u>, will be timely.

Please amend the referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 7, and end with a brief **Conclusion** on page 13.